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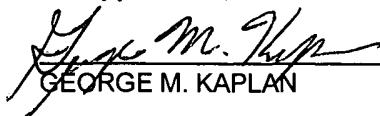
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The listed items were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) from the priority German application and which categorizes the references, thus satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of all non-English references under M.P.E.P. § 609.

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- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
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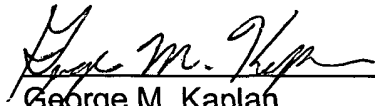
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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